GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Open Universities
Dhruvanarayana Shri Rangaswamy

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has accorded approval to the State open universities for running M. Phil. and Ph.D. courses;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the State open universities have given affidavits in this regard; and
(d) if so, the number of such universities in the States/UTs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a to d): As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC) that based on the request of the Vice-Chancellors of the following four (04) Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode universities, the Commission has permitted them to conduct M.Phil/Ph.D. programme strictly in accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D) Regulations, 2016 notified on 5th July, 2016:
(i) The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi,
(ii) The Madhya Pradesh Bhoj (Open) University, Bhopal,
(iii) The Pt. Sundarlal (Open) University, Chhattisgarh and
(iv) The Uttarakhand (Open) University, Uttarakhand
These Universities have also submitted Affidavits to the effect that they will follow the said Regulations, 2016 of the UGC strictly without any deviation.
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